

The Thing goes on show

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AN UNIDENTIFIED flying object came back to Warminster yesterday after 20 years.

Journalist Ken Rogers was a schoolboy in the town when it caught the world's imagination in 1945.

Mysterious sounds were heard followed by sightings of

fiery cigar-shaped objects in the sky. People were so frightened by "The Thing" that the council called a public meeting at the Town Hall to alleviate fears.

From then on hundreds of sky watchers and UFO investigators from all over the

world went to Cradle Hill, Warminster, hoping for scoop photographs.

The town became as famous for UFOs as Loch Ness is for monsters.

Since then Ken Rogers has been collecting evidence of the "Warminster invasion"

and he is now showing the story at Warminster library and museum.

A large collection of reports, press cuttings, illustrations, photographs, books, magazines and historical documents all charting the bizarre story will be on show until August 30.